THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 27th June 1952.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past six of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF A NEW MEMBER.

Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar was sworn in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Constitution of a separate Ministry for House Rent Control.

* 1 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for constituting a separate Ministry for House Rent Control; and

(*b*) whether it is proposed to add any other portfolio to the above Ministry?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) The question of living accommodation in overcrowded urban areas and the difficult and delicate work of controlling and managing the properties of private persons in a just manner requires the concentrated attention of a Minister.

" (*b*) In addition to House Rent and Accommodation Control, Raja Sri Shanmuga Rajeswara Sethupathi is in charge of 'Sports and playing fields', and he also helps to some extent the Minister for Education without reducing the latter's responsibility. There is no proposal now to add to his portfolio. As the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible, the allotment of work by mutual arrangement among its members is not a proper matter for public discussion in any form."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" The Hon. the Chief Minister replied that the Hon. Minister for Rent Control is also in charge of 'Sports'. May I ask, Sir, whether 'Sports' includes horse-racing also?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" It does, Sir. A dictionary would have helped my friend instead of a question here."